

U.S. Embassy Yerevan, Armenia

Immigrant Visa Unit

GENERAL INFORMATION & REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

for DV category immigrant visa applicants

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Please carefully read these instructions and prepare the attached list of required documents before your interview. All documents must be complete and presented at the time of your interview.
- **Children** immigrating with you must also be present at the interview.
- The required documents, unless specified otherwise, must be completed for **each applicant**.
- For all required documents, you must present **the original document, a true copy, and a notarized English translation**. The notarized translation must include a signed statement from the translator that certifies that the translation is true and complete, and that the translator is competent to complete the translation.
- **Payment.** The non-refundable diversity visa application **fee**, payable at the Consular Section when you submit your application. The Consular Section accepts payment in U.S. dollars and Armenian drams. Credit cards and checks are not accepted.
- **Tickets.** We strongly advise you not to buy tickets or make any permanent travel arrangements before you receive your visa. The Consular Section cannot guarantee when you will receive your visa.

PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS (5 X 5 CM)

The photograph must be 1) 5x5 cm; 2) "Full Face", i.e., one in which the applicant is facing the camera directly with the ears exposed, the face covering about 50 percent photo area; 3) have a white background; and 4) clearly identify the applicant. Head coverings and hats are only acceptable due to religious beliefs. Sunglasses or other paraphernalia are not acceptable, unless required for medical reasons (an eye patch, for example).



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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. **DS-230 Immigrant visa application form** (only required if not previously submitted to KCC): filled out in English (parts 1 and 2)
2. **Travel passport:** original and two (2) photocopies of all pages which contain information
3. **Birth certificate:** original, photocopy, and English translation**
4. **Marriage certificate:** original, photocopy, and English translation.** Married couples applying together must bring a copy and translation for each spouse.
5. **Evidence of termination of prior marriage(s)**, such as divorce certificate (if applicable), death certificate of spouse (if applicable): original, photocopy and English translation.**
6. **Education and Work Documents:** original, photocopy, and English translation.** These documents are required only for the primary applicant.
7. **Police Certificates:** Applicants aged 16 and over are required to submit police certificates in all names as well as all dates of birth that they have used. Police certificates are available from Armenia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The police certificate must contain references to each place where the applicant has lived for more than six months since the age of 16. This includes localities where applicants lived during university studies. If an applicant has lived abroad for more than one year (excluding in the United States), a police certificate must also be submitted from the country where he/she lived. If not in English, a certified English translation is required.**
8. **Military Documents:** Men aged 18 and over must present their military booklet or military registration document: original, photocopy and English translation.**
9. **Medical Exam Results:** Your medical exam must be conducted by one of the Embassy's panel physicians (see website for additional information). It takes approximately two days to process the results of the medical exam. For more information regarding the medical exam please contact the panel physicians directly.
10. **Color photographs** (see sample on page 1): you must present two (2) 5X5 cm photographs for your visa, and another three (3) 3X4 cm photographs for your medical exam
11. **Evidence of Financial Wherewithal;** At the Consular Officer's discretion, you may be required to submit an **affidavit of support** from an American citizen and legal permanent resident sponsor, in this case, your sponsor must submit the following:
 - **Form I-134 Affidavit of Support: ORIGINAL ONLY.**
 - **Petitioner's prior year 1040 tax form and W2s:** If tax returns are not available, provide transcripts from the IRS.
 - **Sponsor passport or green card copy; evidence of current employment (recent paystubs or work letter) for sponsor.**
 - **Notarized statement from sponsor explaining their relationship to the applicant and reason for sponsoring.**

***NOTE:** *Presentation of the above documents does not guarantee visa issuance. Additional documents may be required on a case-by-case basis.*

**** Please see page 1 for information about notarized translations.**